## COLORADO RIVER BASIN UPDATE AND STATUS

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COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM RESERVOIR STATUS

TOTAL SYSTEM CONTENTS - 50\% or 29.57 MAF
As of December 4, 2016

## Unregulated Inflow WY 2011-2017

Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell


## UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN SNOWPACK



Median 1981-2010 - 2017 - 2016 - 2015 —
Source: Colorado Basin River Forecast Center , December 5, 2016

## LAKE MEAD END OF ON MONTH ELEVATIONS

 October and November 2016 24-Month Study Projection
## Lake Mead End of Month Elevations

Projections from October 2016 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios

----- October 2016 Probable Maximum Inflow with Lake Powell Release of 11.96 maf in WY 2017 and 12.12 maf in WY 2018
_ - October 2016 Most Probable Inflow with Lake Powell Release of 9.00 maf in WY 2017 and WY 2018
---- October 2016 Probable Minimum Inflow with Lake Powell Release of 9.00 maf WY 2017 and 7.48 maf in WY 2018
——Historical Elevations

## Probabilities of Lower Colorado River Basin Shortage

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation CRSS Model Run - August 2016

|  | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Probability of any level of <br> shortage (Mead $\leq 1,075$ <br> ft .) | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 6}$ |
| 1st level shortage (Mead $\leq 1,075$ <br> and $\geq 1,050 \mathrm{ft})$ | 0 | 48 | 50 | 41 | 33 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ level shortage (Mead $<1,050$ <br> and $\geq 1,025 \mathrm{ft})$ | 0 | 0 | 10 | 16 | 16 |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ level shortage (Mead $<1,025$ ) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 |

Source: Bureau of Reclamation Results from the August 2016 CRSS model run.

## EL NINO- LA NINA FORECAST

La Niña is slightly favored to persist (~55\% chance) through the winter 2016-17.


## THREE MONTH OUTLOOK

## U. S. Seasonal Outlooks

## December 2016 - February 2017

The seasonal outlooks combine the effects of long-term trends, soil moisture, and, when appropriate, ENSO.


Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Climate Prediction Center, December 5, 2016

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## QUESTIONS ????



